

# **Bail Enforcement Agent-Rules and Regulations**

## **Sec. 29-152o-1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT LICENSE.**

- a) Any person desiring to engage in the business of a bail enforcement agent shall complete form DPS-10-c (Rev. 9/99) as provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety. All applicants for a license shall provide the Commissioner with the requested documents and records as specified in the application form.
- b) The application forms may be obtained at Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit.
- c) Upon receipt of an application, the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, shall review the application for completeness and for compliance with the provision of section 29-152o-1 to 29-152o-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

## **Sec. 29-152o-2. APPLICATION FEE AND TERM OF LICENSE.**

The fee for applying to obtain a bail enforcement agent license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee shall be payable by certified check or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety. Each license shall be for a term not to exceed one year.

## **Sec. 29-152o-3. AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FOR OBTAINING A BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT LICENSE.**

- a) No person who has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, shall be licensed as a bail enforcement agent.
- b) No person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall be licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent.

**Sec. 29-152o-4. COURSE OF STUDY IN THE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

Within five (5) years prior to the date of his application, an applicant for bail enforcement agent's license shall have successfully completed a course in the criminal justice system consisting of not less than (20) hours of study approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. In determining whether he shall approve a course in the criminal justice system, the commissioner shall take into consideration the topics, if any, of the course and their relationship to the business of bail enforcement agent. A course of study of not less than twenty hours approved by the commissioner in one or a combination of any of the following , or their equivalent, shall meet the requirements.

1. use of force to make an arrest or to prevent escape;
2. laws of arrest;
3. criminal procedure and laws concerning searches and seizures;
4. constitutional law or the criminal justice system

**Sec. 29-152o-5. COURSE OF STUDY IN SAFETY AND  
USE OF FIREARMS.**

- a) In accordance with the provisions of section 29-152m of chapter 533a, no bail enforcement agent licensed under sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive, of said chapter, shall carry a pistol, revolver or other firearm while engaging in the business of a bail enforcement agent, or while traveling to or from such business unless such agent obtains a special permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.
- b) The Commissioner may grant to any bail enforcement agent licensed under sections 29-152f to 29-152i, inclusive, a permit to carry a pistol or revolver or other firearm while engaging in the business of bail enforcement agent, or while traveling to or from such business, provided that such agent has proven to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such agent has successfully completed a course, approved by the commissioner, of training in the safety and use of firearms.
- c) For purposes of this section, any person who has successfully completed a course conducted by a school approved by the commissioner under the provisions of section 29-161b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any regulation adopted under said section, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 29-152o-6. RENEWAL OF LICENSE.**

Each person licensed as a bail enforcement agent may apply for a renewal of his/her license upon renewal application forms provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of his/her license. For the purpose of this section, a bail enforcement agent shall complete form DPS-53-c (Rev. 9/99) to apply for renewal of his/her license to engage in the business of a bail enforcement agent. Prior to reviewing such license, the commissioner shall, from information disclosed on such forms, determine whether or not such agent's fitness to continue in the business of bail enforcement agent has changed since the issuance of any prior license.

**Sec. 29-152o-7. FEE AND TERM FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE.**

The fee for renewal of a bail enforcement agent's license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) The fee shall be payable by a certified check, or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety. Each such license shall be for a term not to exceed one year.

**Sec. 29-152o-8. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT'S LICENSE.**

- a) Any bail enforcement agent's license may be suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Public Safety, provided notice shall have been given to the licensee to appear before the Commissioner to show cause why the license should not be suspended or revoked, upon finding by the commissioner that:
  - 1) The licensee has violated any of the terms or provisions of chapter 533a inclusive, or section 29-152o-1 to 29-152o-8, inclusive, of the Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies;
  - 2) The licensee has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;
  - 3) The licensee has made a material misstatement in the application for issuance or renewal of his license;
  - 4) The licensee has demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of his business;
  - 5) The licensee has been convicted of a felony or other crime affecting his honesty, integrity or moral fitness.

- b) Any party aggrieved by an order of the Commissioner under subsection (a) of this section may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section §4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of Hartford-New Britain.
- c) In accordance with the provision of section 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statute, if the Department of public Safety finds that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a bail enforcement agent license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.